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SUBJECT: SPACE AGREEMENT: INVITATION FOR VISIT BY SOVIET
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1. QUOTE. I AM PLEASED TO LEARN FROM DR. RASOOL OF THE
PRODUCTIVE PLANETARY DISCUSSIONS WHICH TOOK PLACE JUNE 5-6
IN MOSCOW. OUR VIKING PROJECT IS ALREADY USING THE SOVIET
DATA COMMUNICATED TO US TO DEVELOP NEW MODELS FOR THE
MARTIAN ATMOSPHERE AND SURFACE.

2. QUOTE. I CONFIRM THE INVITATION TO ATTEND TWO MEETINGS
IN THE US IN OCTOBER WHICH DR. RASOOL EXTENDED INFORMALLY
TO A NUMBER OF SOVIET SCIENTISTS:

(A) A MAJOR CONFERENCE ON THE ATMOSPHERE OF VENUS
TO BE HELD OCTOBER 15-17 IN NEW YORK CITY, ORGANIZED BY THE
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NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER AND CO-SPONSORED BY THE

STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK, THE AMERICAN ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY, AND THE AMERICAN GEOPHYSICAL UNION. THE DISCUSSIONS WILL CENTER ON NEW RESULTS FROM MARINER 10 AND VENERA 8, AND WE HOPE FOR PARTICIPATION AND PRESENTATION OF PAPERS BY SOVIET SCIENTISTS. WE THINK PARTICULARLY OF MAROV, GOLITSYN, AND MOROZ, BUT WE WOULD WELCOME ANY SOVIET SPECIALISTS IN THIS AREA WHOM YOU CONSIDER APPROPRIATE.

(B) A VIKING PROJECT REVIEW OF THE MARTIAN ATMOSPHERE AND SURFACE TO BE HELD OCTOBER 18-19 AT THE LANGLEY RESEARCH CENTER NEAR NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA. WE WOULD LIKE THE VISITING SOVIET SPECIALISTS TO JOIN US IN DISCUSSING THE SOVIET MARS DATA PROVIDED IN MOSCOW. IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE FOR THE SOVIET PARTY AT THIS MEETING TO INCLUDE PARTICIPANTS IN THE JUNE 5-6 DISCUSSIONS OF IMAGING, DIELECTRIC CONSTANT, OCCULTATION, AND MASS SPECTROMETER DATA.

3. QUOTE. IT WOULD HELP US TO LEARN FROM YOU AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF SOVIET SCIENTISTS WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN THE ABOVE MEETINGS. WE WOULD COVER THE BILATERAL MEETING AT LANGLEY UNDER THE USUAL NASA/SOVIET ACADEMY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS, AND WE ASSUME THAT THE SOVIET DELEGATION WOULD BE TICKETED TO NEWPORT NEWS. BEST REGARDS. UNQUOTE
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